

FLD
813

CONFIDENTIAL

~~SECRET~~

**CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE GROUP
INTELLIGENCE REPORT**

25X1A

719254

COUNTRY USSR

DATE:

25X1A

INFO.

SUBJECT

Use of German PWs:

1. Kommandostelle West
2. Production of Engines at Voronezh

DIST. 16 October 1947

PAGES

1

ORIGIN

SUPPLEMENT SO-8287

SOURCE

25X1X

1. In January 1947, German PWs in a camp near Vladikavkaz, Caucasus, were asked to volunteer for service in the Soviet Army with the usual promises of new clothing, improved rations, and a term of service not to exceed twelve months. Other appeals were made at the beginning and in the middle of March; on these occasions it was pointed out that German formations already existed. A "Deutsche Kommandostelle West" circular was distributed.

2. The 2,500 mountain infantry troops who volunteered were shipped to a camp near Gori (at approximately 42° N, 44° E, 100 kilometers west of Tiflis, where they were given field training by German officers. In April, machine pistols were issued to the troops and subordinate commanders were given maps of the Kars-Arzurum area of Turkey. Directives and regulations for this unit were always issued from Moscow under the signature "Kommandostelle West". Actual personal signatures on these documents were invariably illegible.

3. A PW released from a camp near Voronezh in late July 1947 states that at that time approximately 8,000 Germans were still detained there. Workshops in this area had been repaired and were producing aircraft parts and diesel engines; judging from the size of the latter, source believes they were to be used in ships. The engines were shipped by rail to Belopolye. PWs often accompanied these shipments to help in unloading them. (Belopolye = 51°07'N, 34°19'E)

This document contains information affecting the national defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Act, 50, U.S.C. 31 and 32 as amended. Its transmission or the revelation of its contents in any manner to an unauthorized person is prohibited by law.

CONFIDENTIAL

~~SECRET~~

Document No. 003 CLASSIFICATION

NO CHANGE in class. ☐

☒ DECLASSIFIED

Class. CHANGED TO: TS S C

DDA Memo, 4 Apr 77

Auth: DDA REG. 77/1783

Date: 197919 By: 073 Approved For Release 2001/11/23 : CIA